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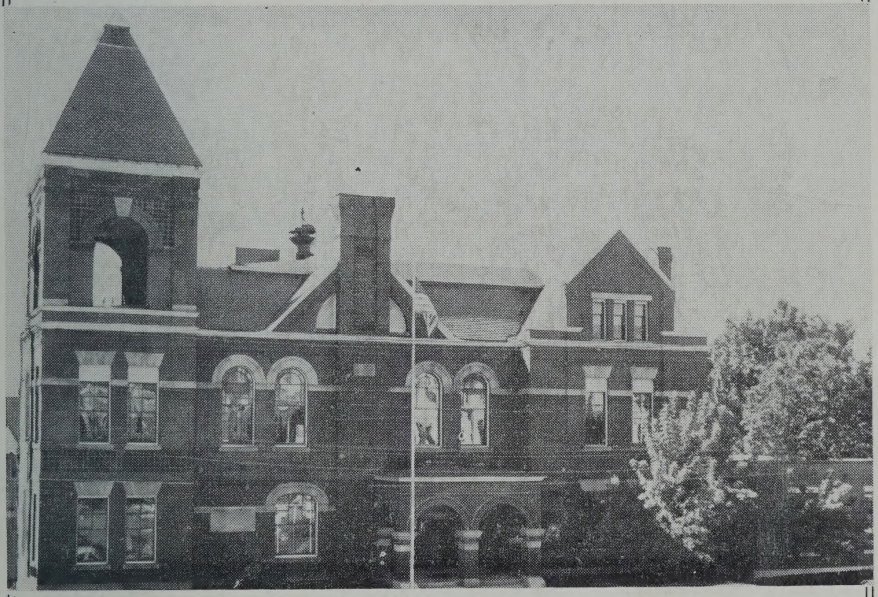

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Cover Photograph: Strafford County Court House

COUNTY OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS

Lucien G. Paradis, Chairman	Rochester
Stanley C. Tanner, Clerk	Milton
Louis Stocklan	Dover

SOLICITOR

Alfred Catalfo, Jr.	Dover

SHERIFF

Wilfred J. Pare	Somersworth

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Richard H. Keefe	Dover

JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT

Leonard C. Hardwick	Rochester

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Ethel G. Waldron	Dover

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Anna M. Dube	Rollinsford

TREASURER

Leo Cormier	Rochester

MEDICAL REFEREE

George G. McGregor, M. D.	Durham

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY HOME AND JAIL

John Lepene*	Farmington

MATRON

Hattie Lepene	Farmington

CHAPLAINS

Rev. Gerard Beaudet	Dover
Rev. Walter Minto	Gonic

PHYSICIAN

John L. Hartigan, M. D.	Rochester

AUDITORS

Gilman H. Twombly	Dover
Raymond V. Jones, Jr.	Rochester

* Deceased

STRAFFORD COUNTY DELEGATION

1956

Paul G. Karkavelas	Ward 2 Dover
Levi F. Felker	Ward 3 Dover
Martha G. Webb	Ward 3 Dover
*Harley A. Crandall	Ward 4 Dover
William H. Connell	Ward 4 Dover
Frederick C. Pearson, Jr.	Ward 4 Dover
T. Casey Moher	Ward 1 Dover
Raymond F. Hennessey	Ward 1 Dover
J. Hector Desjardin	Ward 2 Dover
*Emmett J. Flanagan	Ward 5 Dover
Helen C. Funkhouser	Durham
*Albert D. Littlehale	Durham
William M. Stearns	Durham
Edward J. Mros, Sr.	Farmington
Eugene F. Nute	Farmington
Aaron W. Chadbourne, Jr.	Lee
Dorothy H. Wentworth	Madbury
Reuben J. Evans - Deceased	Milton
Ernest L. Rolfe	Ward 1 Rochester
*Norma M. (Studley) Currier	Ward 5 Rochester
*Arnold T. Clement	Ward 6 Rochester
Philip J. Estes	Ward 6 Rochester
Margaret E. Dustin	Ward 2 Rochester
George C. Nadeau	Ward 2 Rochester
Edward J. Carignan	Ward 3 Rochester
Alphonse LaCasse	Ward 4 Rochester
*Angeline St. Pierre	Ward 4 Rochester
Roy V. Swain	Barrington
Fred L. Green	Rollinsford
*Albert H. Brown, Chairman	Strafford
Sarkis N. Maloomian	Ward 1 Somersworth
*E. G. Letourneau - Deceased	Ward 2 Somersworth
Clovis Cormier	Ward 3 Somersworth

John F. Beamis	Ward 4 Somersworth
James F. Malley	Ward 5 Somersworth

Delegate to the County Convention

Mr. William Nehring	New Durham

*Executive Committee

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE STRAFFORD COUNTY DELEGATION FOR THE YEAR 1956

Executive Committee Meeting

January 16, 1956

The meeting was brought to order at 1:30 p.m. with Chairman, Albert H. Brown, presiding. This meeting was called to discuss the expenditures for the year 1955 compared with appropriations for same period. The following members were present: Brown, Crandall, Flanagan, Littlehale, St. Pierre, and Letourneau. Excused were Mrs. Studley and Mr. Clement. Also present were the three County Commissioners and Supt. John Lepene of the County Home.

Each item of the comparative statement was read and discussed. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Letourneau and seconded by Mr. Littlehale that the comparative statement—1955—be accepted. Motion was unanimous.

Under item of the County Home—Mr. Lepene spoke before the Committee regarding new equipment for the County Home, such as, a tractor, silage machine, corn head, sickle head (grass cutter) and fire hose. Figures on such equipment were obtained from V. H. Cogswell, Inc. This was considered and discussed in detail. Mr. Littlehale made a motion to authorize the purchase of such equipment to be paid from the fire insurance money. Motion seconded by Mr. Letourneau. Recommendation by Mr. Crandall—That the Commissioners take into consideration the amount of service to be given with this equipment.

Also under discussion of County Home, Mr. Lepene stated that they have had need to borrow a silage blower for use at the farm. The Executive Committee agreed that this should be replaced as it was lost in fire. Mr. Crandall made a motion that bids be put out on silage blower to be paid for out of fire insurance money. Seconded by Mr. Littlehale.

A letter was presented to the Executive Committe from Attorney Catalfo, wishing to attend a five-day program for Public Prosecutors in New York City. Motion made by Mr. Crandall that correspondence be placed on file. Seconded by Mr. Littlehale.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee a motion was made by Mr. Crandall and seconded by Mr. Letourneau, that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous.

Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

ELLEN P. FLANAGAN,
Clerk pro tem

Executive Committee Meeting

February 20, 1956

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. with Chairman, Albert H. Brown presiding. The following members were present: Brown, Letourneau, Flanagan, Crandall, St. Pierre and Littlehale. Also present were the County Commissioners and Supt. John Lepene of the County Home.

This meeting was called to review the temporary budget of 1956 in comparison with 1955 expenditures and estimated revenue for 1956, which was drawn up by the Commissioners to present to the Executive Committee.

Each item was read and discussed in detail. The following changes were made: Under the item of County Home, it was decided that $2,700 be added on for the purchase of a mangler for the Home. $1,500 will be kept in Contingent Fund in cases of emergency. $230 added on to County Extension Service. This is not the final budget.

Following discussion of each item it was decided that the budget for 1956 would be presented at a Public Hearing which is to be held on March 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Court Room. The County Delegation will meet on March 20th at the County Home at 12:30 p.m. to approve the budget.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Littlehale, and seconded by Mr. Letourneau to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

ELLEN P. FLANAGAN,
Clerk pro tem

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget 1956

March 5, 1956

The Public Hearing on the proposed budget for 1956 was called to order at 7:45 p.m. with Chairman, Albert H. Brown, presiding.

The following members were present: Karkavelas, Felker, Crandall, Moher, Flanagan, Littlehale. Stearns, Swain, and Brown.

Each item in the budget was read and discussed.

Under the item of General Government:

Question—Walter Keays. Define expenses of Commissioners, Solicitor, and Treasurer and what proportion does each receive?

Answer—Chairman. This is explained on budget sheets.

Under item of Medical Referee:

Question—Walter Keays. Why is it deducted this year?

Answer—Actual expense in 1954 was $800 and in 1955 $1,262. This includes autopsys, etc. Cannot determine what expense will be each year.

Board and Care of Children:

Question—Walter Keays. Why the great increase in this item?

Answer—In 1955 it was $39,000 and there was a decrease in children, making a saving of $4,000. This board of children keeps increasing.

Soldiers Aid:

Question—T. Casey Moher. What is meant by this amount of Soldier's Aid?

Answer—This is aid to veteran's families. Comes under a different name other than direct relief.

Interest on Bonds:

Question—Walter Keays. Why is there an increase in bonds?

Answer—Last year the County floated a bond of $70,000 for work to be done at the County Home and Court House. Payment due this year of $7,000.

Question—Keays. What does this interest on old bond and new bond mean? On what property does this incurr?

Answer—These are bonds on kitchen work at the County Home and annex at the Court House. New bond for sprinkler system at the County Home, and pointing and repair work at the Court House.

Contingent Fund:

Question—Keays. Would you please clarify this?

Answer—Contingent Fund is set up by the Delegation for any emergency that might arise. If it is not spent, it will be deducted next year for amount asked for.

Mangler at County Home:

Question—Keays. Were these are bids submitted on this mangler? Is this appropriate for an institution of this kind?

Answer—There is a second hand machine now in use at the Durham Laundry. Mr. Lepene has obtained prices of such a machine and the cost is $6,000. Allowance of $300 will be made on what we now have. It should be satisfactory for what work we have at County Home.

Question—How often is the State Audit required?

Answer—Every two years.

Retirement system:

Question—Keays. Why is there an increase in this?

Answer—All over the state, changes are being made from Retirement System to Social Security. Money is appropriated to pay back retroactive to January 1955.

Re-indexing:

Question—Keays. This has been going on for a period of years. When will they finish this?

Answer—When they stop making deeds.

Question—Keays. How many deeds does it compile?

Answer—They are now working on period from 1940 to 1950 at this time. Grantor side is finished. No more appropriation after grantee side is finished which will take 2/3 of the time.

Question—What is Surplus Foods?

Answer—Surplus food is received from the government and delivered to needy families.

County Home:

Question—Keays. Why the drop in this item?

Answer—We get a deduction of 10% on O.A.A. at County Home. Delegation voted the cut in this appropriation.

Register of Deeds:

Question—Keays. How many books is this amount for? What is the cost of each?

Answer—The cost is $7.00 for each slip cover, $25.00 for binding a book. Twelve books are completed each year.

Question—Keays. How many nurses are now employed at County Home?

Answer—Three nurses are now employed. Two registered nurses and one practical nurse taking two shifts. 24 hour nurses.

Question—Keays. Does the County pay this bond?

Answer—Owner always pays the bond, unless otherwise specified.

Question—Keays. Was Mr. Driscoll's contract approved by the architect to be satisfactory? In how many dollars and cents?

Answer—Contract complete was $7,846. We never paid a bill unless the job was satisfactorily completed.

Question—Keays. Are the windows damaged in any way by acid?

Answer—There are some windows damaged. If it cannot be removed, the glass will be replaced. Hearing adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

ELLEN P. FLANAGAN,
Clerk pro tem

Budget Meeting—1956

March 20, 1956

Following dinner at 1 p.m. the meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Chairman Albert Brown. The following members of the Delegation

answered the roll call: Paul Karkavelas, Levi Felker, Harley Crandall, William Connell, T. Casey Moher, Emmett Flanagan, Helen Funkhouser, Albert Littlehale, William Stearns, Dorothy H. Wentworth, Norma Studley, Arnold Clement, Philip Estes, Angeline St. Pierre, Roy Swain, Fred Green, Albert Brown, Edward Letourneau, Clovis Cormier. Also present were the three County Commissioners, Mrs. Anna Dube, Mrs. Ethel Waldron, Leo Cormier, Dan Adams of the County Farm Bureau, and Supt. John Lepene of the County Home.

Before presenting the proposed budget, an account of the bond issue of $70,000 was explained and noted that the balance left in bond issue is $1,875.64. Special Appropriation on County Home, new truck and tile floor was discussed and Mr. Lepene stated three extra rooms were done on the same bid.

Mr. Dan Adams, County Agent, gave a report on the County Farm Committee. He stated that the University of New Hampshire would like to lease 20 acres of the County Farm property for experimental purposes. All surplus would go to County Home and University would assume all responsibility. An agreement of lease was drawn up and read. Motion made by Mrs. Studley to authorize proper persons in leasing the 20 acres of County Home land to University for experimental purposes for ten years. Mr. Stanley Tanner then stated that Commissioners should check first with County Solicitor in regard to laws to that effect. Motion seconded by Mr. Swain. Motion passed.

Discussion now opened on budget. Under item of Register of Deeds, Mr. Clement stated he would like to have read, the motion that was made and

adopted at the 1955 budget meeting in regard to re-indexing. Motion was read and Mrs. Dube stated she did make a statement to that effect, that grantor side would be finished in February of 1956. Cost was $5,262.05. Five books are completed. Mr. Clement then stated that it will be necessary to straighten out this item of Register of Deeds as the photostat machine was purchased with the intention to save money, but has cost the County much more. T. Casey Moher then stated that the lawyers are very satisfied with this system.

Question - Mr. Clement - When will this be completed?

Mrs. Dube - We are hoping it will be completed this year.

Question - Mr. Swain - Are all other counties using this system?

Mrs. Dube - Other counties re-index every ten years.

Mr. Clement moved that Re-indexing should be included under Register of Deeds.

Under item of County Home:

Mr. Crandall made a motion that the sum of $2,000 be put into the Farm Expenses and anticipation of income to purchase some pure bred animals. Seconded by Mr. Littlehale. Motion passed.

Under Welfare Administration:

Mr. Paradis, Commissioner stated, an error was made in this item due to raises that were granted. $300 should be added on. He stated that the welfare worker was out 3-4 weeks and refused pay, did work from her home. Mr. Green then stated she could be paid for this time. Motion made by Mr. Green that the amount, approximately $273 be

paid to welfare worker. Seconded by Mr. Crandall. This was raised to $6,650.00.

Under Interest on Temporary Loans:

Mr. Leo Cormier, County Treasurer, stated that the rate of discount was much higher this year than last year which was .93% and this year was 1.979%. U. S. Treasury bills were purchased.

Under item of Insurance:

Mr. Paradis stated that an increase of $1,500 should be added for insurance, due to the fact that rates were reduced on County Home and increased at Court House. Motion made by T. Casey Moher and seconded by Mr. Letourneau to increase insurance to $6,000. Motion passed.

Under item of Re-indexing:

Motion made by Mr. Clement and seconded by Mrs. Funkhouser that the re-indexing appropriation be raised to $3,100 for the purchase of re-indexing cards. Mr. Clement then stated he wished to withdraw his first motion of including re-indexing under Register of Deeds Department and made a motion that the item of Photostat be included in Register of Deeds, and re-indexing would be special appropriation for this year. Seconded by Mr. Swain. Motion passed.

Under Sheriff's Department:

Mrs. St. Pierre stated that the Sheriff is asking for $500 for clerical work as he has no secretary. Mr. Crandall made a motion that $500 be granted for bookkeeping purposes. Seconded by Mr. Cormier. Motion passed.

Under item of Surplus Foods:

Motion made by Mr. Karkavelas and seconded by Mr. Moher that surplus foods be increased to

$800. Motion passed. This may reduce welfare cost.

Interest on Funds invested:

Motion made by Mr. Cormier and seconded by Mr. Moher that this be increased $200. Motion passed.

It was then moved by Mr. Crandall that the flowers which were sent to our deceased Commissioner, Carroll E. Hall, of Dover, be paid from the Delegation Expense. Unanimously passed.

Estimated expenditures on the budget increased $5,450 and estimated income $2,200. Entire proposed budget increased $3,250.

Motion was made by Mr. Clement and seconded by Mr. Letourneau that the budget for 1956 as amended be accepted. Adopted by roll call vote—19 yes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk
ELLEN P. FLANAGAN,
Clerk pro tem

Executive Committee Meeting

April 16, 1956

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. with Chairman, Albert H. Brown presiding.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: Brown, Crandall, Flanagan, Letourneau, Littlehale, also present were the three County Commissioners and Supt. Lepene of the County Home.

This meeting was called for the purpose of reviewing the expenditures for three months of the

1956 budget, compared with appropriations for same.

Each item in the quarterly report was read and discussed in detail. Supt. Lepene of the County Home, stated that the mangler is now in use and working very well. It is very satisfactory for their work, and saves time.

Under Special Appropriations, it was noted that nothing has been spent yet under Sheriff's Secretary Expense. This is a new appropriation voted on at the Budget Meeting held at the County Home.

After carefully reading and discussing each item in the three months budget, and there being no further questions, a motion was made by Mr. Littlehale that the report of the quarterly budget be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Letourneau. Passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Crandall to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk
ELLEN P. FLANAGAN,
Clerk pro tem

Executive Committee Meeting

July 23, 1956

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 1:50 p.m. with Albert H. Brown, Chairman, presiding. The reason for the late start was that some of the members were late in arriving, and it was necessary to await a quorum.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: Chairman Albert H. Brown, Al-

bert Littlehale, Edward Letourneau, Emmett Flanagan, and Norma Studley. Also present were the three County Commissioners, and Supt. John Lepene of the County Home.

This meeting was called for the purpose of reviewing the expenditures of six months of the 1956 budget, compared with appropriations for same period. Under the item of Delegation Expense: Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Evans, of Milton passed away recently and flowers were sent from the entire Delegation. Mr. Brown asked for the Executive Committee approval that this be paid from the Delegation Expense. Motion unanimously voted. Bill to be sent to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Lepene spoke to the Executive Committee and stated that he would like permission to obtain bids to purchase storm windows for the inmates side at the County Home, and bill would be paid from the balance of the Improvement and Repair Bonds, which is $1,298.47. This matter was discussed in detail. It was stated that by purchasing triple-track aluminum storm windows for the County Home would save on heat. etc., and would serve as an insulation. The Executive Committee decided to authorize Mr. Lepene to obtain figures on this and purchase storm windows with the balance of the Bond Issue. Unanimously voted. Mr. Lepene was also authorized to use the balance of $11.00 from insurance, for cement for silo machine at the County Home.

The remainder of the budget was carefully read and discussed, and there being no further questions, a motion was made by Mrs. Studley and seconded by Mr. Littlehale to accept the six months expenditures of the budget as presented. Motion passed.

Mr. Littlehale made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Unanimous.

Adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

ELLEN P. FLANAGAN,
Clerk pro tem

Executive Committee Meeting

October 15, 1956

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was not present and it was decided to review the nine months expenditures and appropriations. The following members were present: Albert Brown, Chairman, Edward Letourneau, Albert Littlehale. Also present was Commissioner, Tanner.

The nine months statement was read and discussed in detail. There being no questions, Mr. Littlehale made a motion that the nine months statement be accepted by those present, until the entire Executive Committee can meet to confirm this. Seconded by Mr. Letourneau.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

ELLEN P. FLANAGAN,
Clerk pro tem

Executive Committee Meeting

December 31, 1956

This meeting of the Executive Committee was brought to order at 2:45 p.m. by Mrs. Norma Cur-

rier, acting chairman, in the absence of Mr. Brown, who was delayed due to weather conditions. The following members were present: Mrs. St. Pierre, Mrs. Currier, Albert Littlehale, Emmett Flanagan, and Chairman Albert H. Brown. Also present were the three County Commissioners, Mr. Paradis, Mr. Tanner, and Mr. Stocklan also the newly elected commissioners for the term beginning 1957, Mr. Carroll Fellows, Mr. Chester Tecce, Mr. Leon Hayes. Mrs. Currier in Chair:

This meeting was called for the purpose of reviewing the appropriations compared with expenditures of the last quarter of the 1956 budget. Each item was read and discussed. Mrs. St. Pierre requested that during the coming year, a report should be made out for the delegation, showing how the insurance coverage of Strafford County property is divided.

Mr. Brown in the Chair:

Under the item of Board and Care of Children —Mr. Paradis and Mr. Tanner both stated that Board and Care may possibly increase next year, as foster homes have been demanding more money, $35.00 a month is not sufficient. Two other counties are now paying $40.00 a month Board and Care.

In reviewing the items of estimated and actual revenue, Mr. Paradis stated that surplus commodities did show an increase over estimated revenue. This is reimbursement for surplus foods given out to other towns to be disbursed to relief families. Total received over estimated revenue is $9,276.11.

Commissioner, Mr. Stocklan, expressed on behalf of the County Commissioners, their appreciation for the splendid work Mr. and Mrs. Lepene have done at the County Home. He desired the ap-

proval of the Executive Committee to authorize the County Commissioners to pay to Mrs. Lepene, the balance of Mr. Lepene's salary (still on the books) as she has carried on the work as Matron of the County Home. This was discussed and agreed that the Executive Committee make a motion that the County Commissioners be authorized to pay the balance of this salary to Mrs. Lepene ($250 a month—2 months due; $500.) Motion made by Mr. Littlehale and seconded by Mrs. Currier. This would amend the expenditures of County Home to read $106,236.35—which would appear on this budget. Mr. Brown, then made a motion that the secretary be authorized to draw up a resolution on behalf of the Executive Committee, to Mrs. Lepene, expressing their appreciation for the splendid work she has done in carrying on the work at the County Home. Secretary authorized. Mrs. Currier then expressed, on behalf of the Executive Committee, their appreciation of the fine work of the County Commissioners during their term of office.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, Mr. Flanagan made a motion that the October 15th meeting regarding nine months budget be confirmed at this meeting, as this was not accepted by the entire Executive Committee due to the fact that there was not a quorum present. Also that the last quarter of the 1956 budget be accepted as amended. Motion seconded by Mr. Littlehale.

It was then moved to adjourn. Motion unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

ELLEN P. FLANAGAN,
Clerk pro tem

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1956

General Government

Salaries	
Commissioners	$ 4,500.00
Treasurer	500.00
Auditors	200.00
Solicitor	2,000.00
Medical Referee	1,000.00
Sheriff	1,000.00
Expenses of above officers	6,000.00
Register of Deeds	3,600.00
Register of Probate	2,200.00
Care and supplies for Court House	7,500.00
Superior Court	40,000.00
County Farm	107,000.00
Surplus Foods	800.00
Support of poor off Farm	25,000.00
Old age assistance	11,000.00
Board and care of children	39,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	8,000.00
Welfare administration expense	6,650.00
Interest	
On temporary loans	3,386.29
On bonds	1,800.00
Outlay for mangler at County Home	2,700.00
Indebtedness	
Bonds	14,000.00
Contingent Fund	1,500.00

County Reports	300.00
Tax anticipation notes expense	120.00
State Audit	350.00
County Extension Service	12,230.00
Insurance	6,000.00
Employees retirement and O.A.S.I.	3,000.00
Delegation expense	400.00
Special appropriations	
County Solicitor, secretarial expense	600.00
Sheriff, secretarial expense	500.00
Re-indexing	3,100.00
	$ 315,936.29

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR YEAR 1956

As required by Statute, the Commissioners of Strafford County submit herewith, the report of the various County Officials for the year ending December 31, 1956.

At the close of the year, there remained $6,-534.36 of the estimated expenditures, the actual income of $9,422.69 over the estimated amount, making a surplus of $15,957.05. The County Farm income was $7,223.02 over 1955.

There were no major projects started, but consolidation and completion of previous ones made it a busy year for everyone.

Re-Indexing at the Register of Deeds office which has been quite a problem the last few years, was supposed to have been completed, but the goal was not quite reached.

The many improvements that have been made at the County Home the last eight years, under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. John Lepene, and at a great personal sacrifice, should be an inspiration to the rest of us. Mr. Lepene, whose health gave out near the end of the year, and Mrs. Lepene in spite of her grief, bravely carried on alone to complete their term.

Five new milch cows purchased by the County Farm Committee to improve the herd were added. Considerable new farm machinery that was badly needed was purchased; a large size tractor, forage harvester, plows etc., a used silo was purchased and assembled on the base of the one destroyed by the fire. A large sized reconditioned steam mangle was secured for the laundry which better fitted its need than the smaller gas mangle; ninety-four triple

track aluminum windows were installed on the three exposed sides of the Home, replacing the badly deteriorated wooden windows. Considerable soil conservation work was done in one of the pastures which has been of little value owing to its swampy condition. Several long ditches were dug and drainage pipes installed, the land now is plowed and limed, and should develop into good grazing land.

Owing to the many fires and resulting loss of life we hear about these days in homes and institutions we wish to make it known, the following precautions that have been taken the last few years at the County Home, to lessen the chances of this happening there. Two modern 500 gals. per minute fire pumps have been installed, one driven by a 40 horse electric motor, the other by a Mercury V-8 engine, ready to go should the electricity fail, an electric switch board keeps 90 to 100 lbs. pressure in the three hydrants at all times. The source of supply of water is from the Cocheco River, an auxiliary pump keeps a 40,000 gal. underground cistern full at all times, and it flows by gravity to the pumps. We believe this supply would keep the hose lines going until the arrival of help from the cities and towns departments, who could then pump from the river. We would like to call your attention, there are two smaller underground cisterns there, that have had no water in them for years, and if put in working condition would add to the supply of water on hand. It was our intention to see what could be done about these two cisterns, but were unable to find time to do so. We recommend these two cisterns be reconditioned and put in use in the future, if they can.

There is an automatic sprinkler system, with

sprinkler heads in all the rooms, halls, attic, and basement, and if any of them should let go, it will set off the alarm that can he heard throughout the Home. Many New fire extinguishers of various types, recommended by the N. H. Fire Underwriters, are in strategic locations throughout the buildings. 500 ft of 2½ fire hose of excellent quality were placed in the hydrant houses this year.

To all the employees of the County Probation Dept. Officials of the Towns and Cities who have aided us in the administration of County affairs and to all individuals, clubs and organizations, who have kindly contributed to the welfare and happiness of the inmates of our institutions, we are very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIEN G. PARADIS,
Chairman
STANLEY C. TANNER,
Clerk
LOUIS STOCKLAN,
Strafford
County Commissioners

FINANCIAL REPORT — 1956

ASSETS

Cash on hand	$ 15,957.05
Accounts due County	6,077.48
Excess of liabilities over assets, bonds	86,000.00
	$ 108,034.53

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by County	$ 12,610.78
Bonds outstanding	
Court House Addition bonds	15,000.00
County Home bonds	8,000.00
Improvement and repair bonds	63,000.00
	$ 98,610.78
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	9,423.75
	$ 108,034.53

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF 1956 APPROPRIATIONS and EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Under Appro.	Over Appro.	Receipts
Salaries of Officers	$ 8,200.00	$ 8,163.66	$ 36.34		
Medical Referees	1,000.00	1,633.20		$ 633.20	
Expenses of Officers	6,000.00	5,371.02	628.98		$ 15.80
Register of Deeds	3,600.00	2,658.41	941.59		
Register of Probate	2,200.00	1,658.44	541.56		
Care and Supplies for Court House	7,500.00	6,806.41	693.59		
Superior Court	40,000.00	41,860.31		1,860.31	
County Farm	107,000.00	106,236.35	763.65		60,866.93
Support of Poor off Farm	25,000.00	25,610.40		610.40	793.76
Surplus Commodities	800.00	766.51	33.49		320.50
Old Age Assistance	11,000.00	11,137.97		137.97	56.13
Board and Care of Children	39,000.00	33,519.91	5,480.09		8,936.69
Soldiers' Aid	8,000.00	6,235.82	1,764.18		373.04
Welfare Adm. Expenses	6,650.00	6,886.28		236.28	
Interest on Temporary Loan	3,386.29	3,386.29			
Interest on Bonds	1,800.00	1,915.00		115.00	
Bonds	14,000.00	14,000.00			

County Reports	300.00	338.50		38.50	
County Extension Service	12,230.00	12,230.00			
Tax Anticipation Notes exp.	120.00	113.78	6.22		
Insurance	6,000.00	7,094.88		1,094.88	206.17
Employees Retirement and OASI	3,000.00	4,321.90		1,321.90	
Delegation Expense	400.00	237.20	162.80		
Contingent Fund	1,500.00		1,500.00		
State Audit	350.00	393.49		43.49	
Special Appropriations					
County Home, Mangler	2,700.00	2,646.00	54.00		
Re-indexing	3,100.00	3,080.20	19.80		
Sheriff, Secretarial Expense	500.00	500.00			
Solicitor, Secretarial Expense	600.00	600.00			
Funds Invested					935.19
Photostat					18.35
Totals	$ 315,936.29	$ 309,401.93	$ 12,626.29	$ 6,091.93	$ 72,522.56
Under Appropriations	$ 6,534.36				

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Land and Buildings	
Court House	$ 144,000.00
Jail	22,583.00
County Farm	105,447.00
Furniture and Equipment	
Court House	21,000.00
Jail	2,552.00
County Farm	60,000.00
	$ 355,582.00

RECEIPTS — 1956

Current Revenue	
Taxes from Towns and Cities	$ 237,647.22
Income of Institutions	
County Farm	60,866.93
Interest received on deposits etc.	935.19
Reimbursement of expenditures for	
Old age assistance	56.13
Direct Relief	793.76
Board and care of children	8,936.69
Soldiers' Aid	373.04
Surplus Commodities	320.50
Photostat	18.35
Return premium on insurance	206.17
Office supplies	15.80
Temporary Loans during year	200,000.00
Total receipts from all sources	$ 510,169.78
Cash on hand at beginning of year	$ 37,211.01
Total Revenue	$ 547,380.79

1956 PAYMENTS

Salaries of	
Commissioners	$ 4,463.66
Treasurer	500.00
Auditors	200.00
Solicitor	2,000.00
Medical Referees	1,633.20
Sheriff	1,000.00
Expenses of	
Above Officers	5,371.02
Register of Deeds	2,658.41
Register of Probate	1,658.44
Care and supplies for Court House	6,806.41
Superior Court	41,860.31
Public Welfare	
County Farm	106,236.35
Surplus Foods	766.38
Support of poor off Farm	25,610.40
Old age assistance	11,137.97
Board and care of children	33,519.91
Soldier's Aid	6,235.82
Welfare administration expense	6,886.28
Interest on	
Temporary loans	3,386.29
Bonds	1,915.00
Indebtedness	
Bonds	14,000.00
Bond issue (improvement and repair bonds)	
Bond issue (improvement and repair bonds)	14,628.69
Fire insurance (County Home)	7,393.25
Payments on temporary loan	200,000.00
All other payments	
County Extension Service	12,230.00

Insurance	7,094.88
Employees retirement and O.A.S.I.	4,321.90
Delegation expenses	237.20
State audit	393.49
Tax anticipation notes expense	113.78
County Reports	338.50
Special appropriations	
County Farm, (Mangler)	2,646.00
Sheriff	500.00
County Solicitor	600.00
Re-indexing	3,080.20
	$ 531,423.74

EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY 1956

County Home		$ 8,837.31
County Home Insurance		988.91
Direct Relief		
Dover	$ 1,140.83	
Rochester	643.15	
Somersworth	266.78	
Other Towns	160.64	
		2,211.40
Soldiers' Aid		916.29
Board and Care of Children		2,917.53
Welfare Administration salaries		427.14
Welfare Administration expense		50.00
Medical referees		345.40
County Officers salaries		638.65
County Officers expenses		530.28
Care and supplies for Court House		587.88
Superior Court		
Stenographers	20.30	
Clerk of Court	944.54	

Sheriffs and Deputies	228.35	
		1,193.19
Register of Deeds		400.10
Register of Probate		153.85
Bond Issue		9,060.98
Solicitor's Secretary		50.00
Insurance		606.47
Total		$ 29,915.38

RECEIPTS

County Home	$ 6,983.94
Board and Care of Children	860.60
Direct Relief	135.00
Old Age Assistance	2.21
Surplus Foods	60.95
Office Supplies	2.90
Hospital Service	65.60
Photostat	4.05
Total	$ 8,115.25

EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 1956

County Home		$ 9,474.51
County Home Fire Insurance		5,755.00
Direct Relief		
Dover	$ 1,080.00	
Rochester	576.85	
Somersworth	323.21	
Other Towns	204.94	
		2,185.00
Aid to Soldier's families		622.08
Board and Care of Children		2,698.08
Old Age Assistance	1,127.40	
Old Age assistant alien	221.00	

Aid to Disabled (2 months)	291.83	
		1,640.23
Welfare Administration salaries		441.20
Welfare Administration expenses		50.00
Medical Referee		39.00
County Officers salaries		624.99
County Officers expenses		510.58
Care and supplies for Court House		616.95
Superior Court		
Jury pay rolls	177.26	
State vs. pay rolls	75.00	
Masters fees	41.60	
Counsel fees	84.00	
Stenographers	19.16	
Clerk of Superior Court	1,199.82	
Sheriff and deputies	35.40	
		1,632.24
Register of Deeds		20.20
Register of Probate		107.42
Bond Issue		3,370.89
Interest		
Court House addition bonds	125.00	
Improvement and repair bonds	770.00	
Temporary loan	3,386.29	
		4,281.29
County extension service		1,000.00
Insurance		3,496.64
Surplus		207.88
Special App. County Solicitor's secretary		50.00
Total		$ 38,824.18

RECEIPTS

County Home	$ 2,224.08
Board and Care of Children	567.40

Direct Relief	31.39
Aid to Soldiers families	6.00
Surplus	13.72
Commissioners Office—checkwriter	10.00
Photostat	6.55
Hospital service	65.60
Temporary Loan	200,000.00
Total	$202,924.74

EXPENDITURES FOR MARCH 1956

County Home		$ 8,511.36
County Home Insurance		99.34
Direct Relief		
Dover	$ 723.95	
Rochester	747.10	
Somersworth	160.86	
Other Towns	238.29	
		1,871.20
Aid to soldiers' families		459.45
Board and Care of Children		2,963.01
Ald Age Assistance	1,072.29	
Old Age Assistance Alien	221.00	
Aid to Disabled	260.75	
		1,554.04
Welfare Administration Salaries		787.06
Welfare Administration Expenses		100.00
Medical Referees		272.80
County Officers salaries		749.99
County Officers expenses		421.72
Care and Supplies for Court House		707.81
Superior Court		
Jury pay rolls	1,566.93	
State vs. pay rolls	386.28	
Counsel fees	150.00	

Masters fees	599.02	
Clerk of Superior Court	1,285.82	
Sheriff and deputies	662.20	
		4,650.25
Register of Deeds		207.57
Register of Probate		69.55
Bond Issue		321.18
Interest		
County Home bonds		62.50
County extension service		1,000.00
Tax anticipation notes expense		113.78
Insurance		132.08
Special appropriations		
Solicitor's secretary		50.00
Re-indexing		561.00
Total		$ 25,665.69

RECEIPTS

County Home	$ 4,527.46
Board and Care of Children	606.80
Direct Relief	17.40
Aid to Soldiers' families	24.40
Surplus	31.91
Insurance refund	10.04
Photostat	7.75
Interest on U. S. Treasury bills	39.86
Hospital service	65.60
Total	$ 5,331.22

EXPENDITURES FOR APRIL 1956

County Home	$ 8,953.07
County Home Spec. App. Mangler	2,646.00
Direct Relief	

Dover	$ 818.39	
Rochester	772.64	
Somersworth	649.44	
Other Towns	520.98	
		2,761.45
Aid to soldiers' families		536.60
Board and Care of Children		2,836.14
Welfare Administration salaries		451.20
Welfare Administration expense		50.00
Medical Referee		27.60
County Officers salaries		674.99
County Officers expenses		582.80
Care and supplies for Court House		632.54
Superior Court		
Jury pay rolls	3,914.83	
Counsel fees	154.05	
Clerk of Superior Court	719.61	
Sheriff and deputies	447.02	
		5,235.51
Register of Deeds		304.77
Register of Probate		75.17
Bond Issue		228.34
County extension service		1,000.00
Delegation expense		10.00
Special appropriations		
Sheriff secretarial expense		127.50
County Solicitor sec. expense		50.00
Total		$ 27,183.68

RECEIPTS

County Home	$ 7,275.98
Board and Care of Children	671.08
Direct Relief	95.00
Surplus	42.59

Hospital service		65.60
Interest on U. S. Treasury bills		97.12
Total		$ 8,247.37

EXPENDITURES FOR MAY 1956

County Home		$ 10,531.29
County Home Insurance		539.00
Direct Relief		
Dover	$ 791.49	
Rochester	1,321.46	
Somersworth	172.79	
Other Towns	189.72	
		2,475.46
Aid to soldiers' families		512.79
Board and Care of Children		2,928.56
Old Age Assistance	621.00	
Old Age Assistance Alien	110.50	
Aid to Disabled	122.50	
		854.00
Welfare Administration salaries		461.20
Welfare Administration expense		50.00
Medical Referee		43.60
County Officers salaries		624.99
County Officers expenses		281.37
Care and supplies for Court House		536.14
Jury pay rolls	40.80	
State vs. pay rolls	234.51	
Stenographers	245.70	
Clerk of Superior Court	1,227.21	
Sheriff and deputies	5,427.08	
		7,175.30
Register of Deeds		205.72
Register of Probate		76.02
Bond Issue		149.83

County Extension service	1,000.00
Insurance	2,490.91
Surplus Commodities	248.90
Special appropriations	
Re-indexing	749.00
County Solicitor's secretary	50.00
Total	$ 31,984.08

RECEIPTS

County Home	$ 4,957.72
Board and Care of Children	585.40
Direct Relief	4.00
Surplus commodities	54.29
Hospital service	74.15
Interest on U. S. Treasury bills	451.21
Total	$ 6,126.77

EXPENDITURES FOR JUNE 1956

County Home		$ 8,017.18
Direct Relief		
Dover	$ 747.75	
Rochester	718.19	
Somersworth	157.54	
Other Towns	156.07	
		1,779.55
Aid to Soldiers' families		306.96
Board and Care of Children		2,901.66
Old Age Assistance	1,380.00	
Old Age Assistance, Alien	204.12	
Aid to Disabled	309.75	
		1,893.87
Welfare Adm. salaries		576.50
Welfare Adm. expenses		62.50

Medical referee		102.60
County officers salaries		750.05
County officers expenses		290.45
Care and supplies for Court House		522.46
Superior Court		
State vs. pay rolls	50.00	
Stenographers	6.25	
Clerk of Superior Court	916.38	
Sheriff and deputies	679.33	
		1,651.96
Register of Deeds		199.64
Register of Probate		110.54
Bond Issue		199.00
County Extension Service		1,000.00
Insurance		49.88
Retirement, County's share		347.19
County reports		338.50
Surplus commodities		50.82
Special Appropriations		
Re-indexing		357.00
County Solicitor's secretary		50.00
Total		$ 21,558.31

RECEIPTS

County Home	$ 4,649.22
Board and Care of Children	817.44
Direct Relief	143.75
Old Age Assistance	53.92
Surplus commodities	37.00
Hospital service	70.75
Insurance	130.21
Soldiers' Aid	25.00
Retroactive social security	72.38
Total	$ 5,999.67

EXPENDITURES FOR JULY 1956

County Home		$ 7,265.89
Direct Relief		
Dover	$ 1,208.14	
Rochester	232.42	
Somersworth	162.52	
Other Towns	204.58	
		1,807.66
Aid to Soldiers' families		445.60
Board and Care of Children		2,651.36
Old Age Assistance	673.89	
Old Age Assistance, Alien	256.00	
Aid to Disabled	126.12	
		1,056.01
Welfare Adm. salaries		461.20
Welfare Adm. expense		50.00
Medical Referees		283.60
County officers salaries		674.99
County officers expenses		502.05
Care and supplies for Court House		387.17
Superior Court		
State vs. pay rolls	206.16	
Counsel fees	75.00	
Masters fees	102.65	
Stenographers	3,218.00	
Clerk of Court	923.19	
Sheriff and deputies	64.85	
		4,589.85
Register of Deeds		476.50
Register of Probate		18.85
County Extension Service		1,000.00
Surplus Commodities		116.41
Insurance		135.20
Special App. Sheriff		124.50

Special App. Solicitor	50.00
Special App. Re-indexing	255.00
Total	$ 22,351.84

RECEIPTS

County Home	$ 4,690.61
Board and Care of Children	738.55
Surplus Commodities	34.52
Direct Relief	169.75
Hospital Service	76.10
Insurance	65.92
Aid to soldiers families	2.40
Retroactive social security	143.92
Interest on U. S. treasury bills	176.25
Total	$ 6,098.02

EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST 1956

County Home		$ 8,877.13
Direct Relief		
Dover	$ 1,190.59	
Rochester	497.92	
Somersworth	166.17	
Other Towns	179.49	
		2,034.17
Aid to soldiers families		402.70
Board and Care of Children		2,372.49
Welfare Adm. salaries		576.50
Welfare Adm. expensees		62.50
Medical Referee		45.60
County officers salaries		624.99
County officers expenses		738.22
Care and supplies of Court House		480.59

Superior Court		
State vs. pay rolls	225.00	
Stenographers	278.50	
Clerk of Court	1,227.84	
Sheriff and deputies	53.26	
		1,784.60
Register of Deeds		339.35
Register of Probate		45.15
Bond Issue		6.00
Court House bonds, interest		125.00
Court House bonds, principal		5,000.00
Improvement and repair bonds, principal		7,000.00
Improvement and repair bonds, interest		770.00
County extension service		1,000.00
Insurance		183.70
County Solicitor's spec. appro.		50.00
Total		$ 32,518.69

RECEIPTS

County Home	$ 4,673.14
Board and Care of Children	539.00
Direct Relief	40.00
Interest on U. S. Treasury bills	170.75
Retroactive social security	340.15
Office supplies	2.90
Hospital service	49.50
Total	$ 5,815.44

EXPENDITURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1956

County Home		$ 6,257.29
County Home Insurance		11.00
Direct Relief		
Dover	$ 1,205.97	
Rochester	219.64	

Somersworth	129.23	
Other Towns	235.46	
		1,790.30
Aid to Soldiers' families		529.92
Board and Care of Children		3,009.97
Old Age Assistance	785.25	
Old Age Assistance, Alien	103.25	
Aid to disabled	174.65	
		1,063.15
Welfare Adm. salaries		461.20
Welfare Adm. expenses		52.20
Medical referee		74.40
County officers salaries		750.02
County officers expenses		253.16
Care and supplies for Court House		465.92
Superior Court		
Jury pay rolls	809.23	
State vs. pay rolls	125.00	
Masters fees	86.04	
Stenographers	384.54	
Clerk of Superior Court	913.86	
Sheriff and deputies	30.80	
		2,349.47
Register of Deeds		25.35
Register of Probate		164.95
Bond Issue		1,292.47
Indebtedness		
County Home Bonds, principal		2,000.00
County Home Bonds, interest		62.50
County Extension Service		1,000.00
O.A.S.I. (social security) County		2,398.16
Surplus Foods		36.43
County Solicitor, Spec. Appro. secretary		50.00
Re-indexing project, Spec. Appro.		306.00
Total		$ 24,403.86

RECEIPTS

County Home	$ 5,341.82
Board and Care of Children	607.00
Hospital service	49.50
Total	$ 5,998.32

EXPENDITURES FOR OCTOBER 1956

County Home		$ 11,137.23
Direct Relief		
Dover	$ 1,093.21	
Rochester	317.16	
Somersworth	195.84	
Other Towns	715.32	
		2,321.53
Aid to Soldiers' families		563.76
Board and Care of Children		2,704.64
Old Age Assistance	730.34	
Old Age Assistance Alien	103.25	
Aid to Disabled	174.65	
		1,008.24
Welfare Adm. salaries		461.20
Welfare Adm. expenses		50.80
Medical Referee		206.10
County Officers salaries		674.99
County Officers expenses		502.75
Care and supplies for Court House		515.16
Superior Court		
Jury pay rolls	2,557.76	
State vs. pay rolls	35.00	
Master's fees	68.15	
Stenographers	79.78	
Clerk of Superior Court	453.72	
Sheriff and Deputies	5,520.96	
		8,715.37

Register of Deeds	274.65
Register of Probate	34.50
County Extension Service	1,000.00
Surplus Commodities	2.95
State Audit	393.49
O.A.S.I. current	456.20
O.A.S.I. retroactive	483.13
Special appropriations	
Re-indexing	383.00
Sheriff	164.66
County Solicitor	50.00
Total	$ 32,104.35

RECEIPTS

County Home	$ 5,293.24
Soldiers' Aid	172.60
Board and Care of Children	943.00
Direct Relief	157.47
Hospital service	49.50
County taxes	4,073.27
O.A.S.I. current	51.06
O.A.S.I. retroactive	442.82
Total	$ 11,182.96

EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER 1956

County Home		$ 9,354.05
Direct Relief		
Dover	$ 1,010.06	
Rochester	337.82	
Somersworth	205.98	
Other Towns	428.17	
		1,982.03

Aid to Soldiers' families		436.18
Board and Care of Children		2,672.99
Old Age Assistance	754.63	
Old Age Assistance Alien	103.25	
Aid to Disabled	174.65	
		1,032.53
Welfare Adm. salaries		576.50
Welfare Adm. expense		62.50
Medical Referee		21.00
County Officers salaries		624.99
County Officers expenses		331.05
Care and supplies for Court House		622.88
Superior Court		
Jury pay rolls	97.02	
State vs. pay rolls	25.00	
Masters fees	16.60	
Stenographers	130.65	
Clerk of Superior Court	1,352.51	
Sheriff and Deputies	49.13	
		1,670.91
Register of Deeds		125.10
Register of Probate		101.31
County Extension Service		1,000.00
Surplus		65.96
Special Appropriations		
Re-indexing		408.00
County Solicitor		50.00
Sheriff		41.66
Total		$ 21,179.64

RECEIPTS

County Home	$ 4,995.40
Board and Care of Children	486.00
Aid to Soldiers families	5.00
Retroactive social security	40.30

Surplus Foods	14.59
Hospital Insurance	49.50
County Taxes	47,970.69
Total	$ 53,561.48

EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER 1956

County Home		$ 9,020.04
Direct Relief		
Dover	$ 1,023.27	
Rochester	515.87	
Somersworth	590.39	
Other Towns	261.12	
		2,390.65
Aid to Soldiers families		503.49
Board and Care of Children		2,863.48
Old Age Assistance	760.50	
Old Age Assistance Alien	100.75	
Aid to Disabled	174.65	
		1,035.90
Welfare Administration Salaries		513.13
Welfare Administration Expense		51.75
Medical Referee		171.50
County officers salaries		750.02
County officers expenses		426.59
Care and supplies for Court House		730.91
Superior Court		
State vs. pay rolls	15.00	
Masters fees	183.35	
Counsel fees	150.00	
Clerk of Superior Court	765.66	
Sheriff and deputies	97.65	
		1,211.66
Register of Deeds		79.46
Register of Probate		701.13

Indebtedness, Tax Loan	200,000.00
County Extension Service	2,230.00
Surplus	37.16
Retirement, County share	215.09
Delegation expenses	227.20
O.A.S.I. County	422.13
Special appropriations	
County Solicitor's secretarial expense	50.00
Sheriff, secretarial expenses	41.68
Re-indexing	61.20
Total	$223,734.17

RECEIPTS

Board and Care of Children	$ 1,514.42
Taxes	185,603.26
County Home	5,254.32
Aid to Soldiers families	137.64
Surplus	30.93
Hospital Service	49.50
O.A.S.I.	35.05
Total	$192,625.12

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, 1956

Expenses of Officers		
Commissioners Traveling Expenses	$ 854.99	
Bookkeeper's salary	2,819.62	
Telephone	365.91	
Bond, bookkeeper	5.00	
Checkwriter	170.00	
Office supplies	474.87	
Commissioners Association dues	18.00	
Treasurer, traveling expense	141.65	
County Solicitor, expenses and supplies	520.98	
		$ 5,371.02
Register of Deeds		
Telephone	$ 294.38	
Supplies	248.63	
Photostat	1,365.80	
Table	206.10	
Neal Printing and Binding Co., records and slip covers	543.50	
		$ 2,658.41
Register of Probate		
Telephone	$ 215.57	
Bond	12.50	
Probate Court stenographer	15.00	
Neal Printing and Binding Co., binding records	336.50	
E. H. Quimby, repairs	25.77	
Supplies	1,050.85	
Transportation	2.25	
		$ 1,658.44
Care and Supplies for Court House		
Janitors	$ 3,700.00	

Public Service Co., lights	816.42	
Oil	1,100.11	
Repairs	124.10	
Supplies	782.73	
Cleaning windows	140.00	
Water bills	140.80	
Adv. Public Hearing	2.25	
		$ 6,806.41
Superior Court		
Jury Pay Rolls	$ 9,163.83	
State vs. pay rolls	1,376.95	
Counsel fees	613.05	
Masters' fees	1,097.41	
Stenographers	4,382.88	
Clerk of Court salary, clerical hire, supplies	11,930.16	
Sheriff and Deputies	13,296.03	
		$41,860.31
Welfare Administration		
Salaries, Case Worker and stenographer	$ 6,194.03	
Travel expense—case worker	692.25	
		$ 6,886.28
Sheriff and Deputies		
Telephone	$ 441.82	
Bonds	60.00	
Transportation	3.19	
Supplies	162.05	
Ambulance service	15.00	
Radio repairs	42.60	
Investigation, travel and court attendance	12,571.37	
		$13,296.03

Balance on Fire Insurance
January 1, 1956 $7,393.25

Expenditures		
Hoitt and Wentworth, material	$	23.60
Seavey Hardware, material		23.94
Walter H. Forrest, labor		77.16
Pill Electric, material		170.08
Johnson Hardware, material		2.18
Dover Motor Mart, labor		5.00
V. H. Cogswell, Tractor, Harvester, Elevator		5,537.00
Roy Hibbard, fire estinguishers		218.00
V. H. Cogswell, Milker and equipment		686.95
Charles DiPrizzio & Sons, insulation		99.34
Robinson Boiler Works (Wesley Morse) fire hose		539.00
Diamond Match Co., cement		11.00
	$	7,393.25

Balance on Bond Issue
January 1, 1956 $14,628.69

Expenditures		
Diamond Match Co., lumber	$	32.98
Craig Supply Co., Packard water conditioner		1,000.00
Diamond Match Co., cement		33.89
M. S. Huntley, final payment, as Engineer on heating contract		80.00
Lucien G. Paradis, lumber		51.20
Charles DiPrizzio and Sons, lumber		98.12
E. W. Richmond, wiring and lights for boiler room		171.86
E. W. Richmond, cable, transformer, etc.		192.86

Diamond Match Co., flex board and nails	185.31
Robbins Auto Supply, air compressor and hose	199.00
George J. Foster Co., Geo. J. Foster for advertising bids on windows	6.00
Strafford Window Sales, combination windows	1,292.47
Eastern Fire Protection Co., sprinkler system	11,183.00
Digging and back filling trench	102.00
	$14,628.69

DIRECT RELIEF, 1956

Dover	$ 12,033.65
Rochester	6,900.22
Somersworth	3,180.75
Farmington	394.08
Madbury	791.50
Milton	93.48
Milton Mills	754.68
Rollinsford	828.25
Strafford	132.34
Durham	24.00
Other towns (expended and reimbursed)	477.45
	$ 25,610.40

SOLDIERS' AID, 1956

Dover	$ 3,109.80
Rochester	2,029.60
Somersworth	237.35

Farmington		813.57
Strafford		45.50
	$	6,235.82

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, 1956

Old age assistance	$	7,905.30
Alien old age assistance		1,423.12
Aid to disabled		1,809.55
Total	$	11,137.97

On old age assistance cases County pays 25% of each grant.

On alien old age assistance County pays 50% of each grant under $60.00 plus medical pool.

100% of total amount per case over $60.00 plus medical pool.

100% of non-medical extra aid.

Aid to disabled County pays 35% of grant.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The report of cash on hand is as follows;

Cash balance Dec. 31, 1956	$ 15,957.05

All taxes from Cities and towns have been paid.

It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Strafford County these past six years, as County Treasurer.

As my third term comes to an end, and a new administration takes over the reins in Strafford County, I wish to thank all those who have been so helpful to me during my term of office, particularly the office personnel in the County Commissioners' office, without whose capable assistance my work would have been very difficult, and whose continuance in the employ of the County of Strafford will be a great benefit to the new administration.

Respectively submitted,

LEO CORMIER
County Treasurer

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956
Strafford County

County Treasurer's Account

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1956	$ 37,211.01	
Receipts, Year Ending December 31, 1956	686,091.17	
	$ 723,302.18	
Payments, Year Ending December 31, 1956	707,345.13	
Balance, December 31, 1956, As Per Cash Book		$ 15,957.05
Bal. in Merchants National Bank As Per Statement of Dec. 31, 1956	23,560.59	
Less: Outstanding Orders	7,603.54	
Reconciled Bank Balance, As of Dec. 31, 1956		$ 15,957.05
County Commissioners' Office Petty Cash, Jan. 1, 1956		$ 25.00
Petty Cash, Dec. 31, 1956		$ 25.00

County Farm Superintendent's Account

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1956	$ 60,866.93
Total Remittances to County Treasurer. Year Ending Dec. 31, 1956	$ 60,866.93
Superintendent's Balance on Hand, January 1, 1956—petty cash	$ 100.00

Superintendent's Balance on Hand, December 31, 1956—petty cash	$	100.00

Indebtedness—December 31, 1956

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes		None
Outstanding Long Term Notes		None
Outstanding Bonds	$	86,000.00
Bills Owed by County	$	12,610.78

County Taxes Uncollected—December 31, 1956

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	None

Signed:

GILMAN H. TWOMBLY,
RAYMOND V. JONES Jr.,
County Auditors

Date: January 17, 1957

STRAFFORD COUNTY

Apportionment of County Tax
1956

$ 237,647.22

	Proportion of Tax	Amount of Tax
Barrington	$ 17.14	$ 4,073.27
Dover	340.78	80,985.42
Durham	54.63	12,982.67
Farmington	41.44	9,848.10
Lee	9.46	2,248.14
Madbury	9.42	2,238.64
Middleton	2.26	537.08
Milton	28.12	6,682.64
New Durham	14.66	3,483.91
Rochester	279.50	66,422.40
Rollinsford	34.53	8,205.96
Somersworth	150.74	35,822.94
Strafford	17.32	4,116.05
	$ 1,000.00	$ 237,647.22

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

June 26, 1956

Board of County Commissioners
Strafford County
Dover, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 27, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, the biennial examination and audit of the accounts of Strafford County has been made by this Division. The audit covered the fiscal years ended December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955. Submitted herewith is the report of this audit including Exhibits as hereafter listed. The report is made up in three sections as follows:

Section I—Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

Section II—Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Section III—Statistical table—Statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes—10 Year Period

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets:

December 31, 1953—December 31, 1954 (Exhibit A)

December 31, 1954—December 31, 1955 (Exhibit I)

Comparative Balance Sheets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1953-1954 and December 31, 1954-1955, are presented in Exhibits A and I, respectfully. As indicated therein the Net Debt decreased by $3,558.54 in 1954 and increased by $67,-951.68 in 1955.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954 (Exhibit B)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955 (Exhibit J)

Statements presenting an analysis of the change in financial condition of the County during the fiscal years ended December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955, are included in Exhibits B and J, respectively.

The decrease in Net Debt during the year 1954 amounted to $3,558.54. The factors which caused this were as follows:

Decreases in Net Debt

Net Budget Surplus	$ 20,140.75	
Bonds Paid	7,000.00	
		$ 27,140.75

Increases in Net Debt

Cash Surplus Used to Reduce County Tax	$ 23,582.21

Net Decrease

	$ 3,558.54

In 1955 the increase in Net Debt amounting to $67,951.68, was brought about as follows:

Increases in Net Debt

Bond Issue	$ 70,000.00	
Cash Surplus Used to Reduce County Tax	20,140.75	
		$90,140.75

Decreases in Net Debt

Net Budget Surplus	$ 15,189.07	
Bonds Paid	7,000.00	
		$ 22,189.07

Net Increase

	$ 67,951.68

Statement of Bonded Indebtedness: (Exhibit M)

A statement of bonded indebtedness as of December 31, 1955 showing annual maturities of principal and annual interest requirements is contained in Exhibit M.

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954 (Exhibits C & D)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955 (Exhibits K & L)

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, a revenue surplus of $18,677.03, plus a net unexpend-

ed balance of appropriations of $1,463.72, resulted in a net budget surplus of $20,140.75.

In 1955, a revenue surplus of $11,589.13, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of $3,599.94, resulted in a net budget surplus of $15,189.07.

Summaries of Receipts and Expenditures:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954 (Exhibit E)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955 (Exhibit N)

Summaries of the receipts and expenditures of the County, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955, are presented in Exhibits E and N, respectively.

ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND TREASURER

All orders issued by the Commissioners and Clerk of the Superior Court during the periods under review were examined and compared with corresponding entries in the Treasurer's records. Supporting invoices and payrolls were also examined and the classification of expenditures noted. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1955, is shown in Exhibit O.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

The financial accounts and records of the Clerk of Court of Strafford County were examined. Court receipts were checked by source, insofar as possible, and found to be properly recorded. Court orders issued by the Clerk were supported by invoices, vouchers and payrolls bearing the approval of a Superior Court Justice.

COUNTY FARM

The accounts and records of the Superintendent of the County Farm were examined. Receipts of the County Farm were checked by source through the triplicate forms. All receipts, as recorded in the cash book, were properly accounted for by the Superintendent through remittances to the County Treasurer.

Classification summaries of receipts and expenditures of the County Institutions for the years 1954 and 1955 are presented in Exhibits F and P, respectively.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Accounts Receivable and Payable:

Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable have not been included in the Balance Sheets of Strafford County financial reports in recent years. It is noted that as of December 31, 1954, there were outstanding accounts as follows:

Accounts Receivable	$ 3,137.44
Accounts Payable	$ 11,259.13

These figures were arrived at on the basis of accounts which were due the County on December 31, 1954, and received in 1955, and accounts owed on December 31, 1954 and paid in 1955.

It is recommended that accounts receivable and payable as of December 31st be included in future balance sheets. It is suggested, however, that the amount of each might be materially reduced if the County books were held open for a week or ten days after the close of the fiscal year to permit the inclusion of much of this business in the current year's accounts.

Superior Court Financial Accounts:

The Clerk of the Superior Court employs the accounting system which has been prescribed by the

Court. There are certain recommendations, however, relative to accounting procedure which we believe should be followed. These are:

(1) All cash receipts and disbursements should be recorded on the prescribed form.

(2) At the close of each month book balances should be reconciled with bank balances. It is mandatory that both balances should agree. It has been customary to reconcile bank balances with check book balances which procedure fails to accomplish the desired purpose.

(3) At the close of each month, after the "Form A" report has been made up and proved for final reporting to the Court, all open balances should be forwarded to the first of the succeeding month.

(4) All payments, with the exception of small items paid out of "Petty Cash," should be made by check.

(5) At any given time bank deposits should be in agreement with actual cash receipts, that is, deposits to the checking account and/or savings bank account on any given date should agree with total recorded cash receipts to date of deposit.

(6) A "Petty Cash" fund should be established for the payment of very small items. To do this the Clerk should draw a check on his regular account in the amount of $20.00 or $25.00 to "Petty Cash," thus setting up the fund. The fund should be reimbursed on a monthly basis with proper receipts obtained to support payments therefrom.

Conclusion:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1955, a copy of this report or a summary of its findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) should be published in the next annual report of the County. This letter of

transmittal should be included in its entirety but the publication of Exhibits is optional.

The appreciation and thanks of this Division is hereby expressed to the officials of Strafford County, and their office staffs for the assistance rendered during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER
Director
Division of Municipal
Accounting
State Tax Commission

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor
Hugh J. Cassidy
Robert L. Curtis
Accountants

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire
June 26, 1956

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Strafford County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955. In our opinion the Exhibits presented herewith reflect the true financial condition of the County on December 31, 1954

and December 31, 1955, together with the results of operations for the fiscal years ended on these dates.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER
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STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME INVENTORY

Commissioners' Room and Hall	$ 500.00
Superintendent's Department:	
Office	300.00
Parlor	1,000.00
Kitchen	5,000.00
Dining Room	800.00
Sleeping Rooms	1,000.00
Sewing Room and Linen Closet	400.00
Linen Room	350.00
Inmates' Department—Men's Wing:	
Dining Room	875.00
Reading Room	100.00
Barber Shop	100.00
Sleeping Rooms	1,683.00
Second Hand Clothing	40.00
Dispensary	1,800.00
Attic	50.00
Inmates' Department—Women's Wing:	
Dining Room	875.00
Chapel	500.00
Sleeping Rooms	1,193.00
Women's Attic	50.00
Hospital Room	300.00
Reception Room	50.00
Basement:	
Meat Room and Refrigerator	800.00
Deep Freeze Room	700.00
Vinegar Room	75.00
Big Store Room	1,000.00
Old Kitchen	500.00
Superintendent's Store Room	800.00
Flour and Coffee Room	500.00
Soap Room	400.00

Disinfectant Room	1,300.00
Paint and Carpenter Shops	700.00
Boiler Room and Contents	19,000.00
Blacksmith Shop	400.00
Oil Room	300.00
Oil, (Fuel)	523.85
Fire Extinguishers	500.00
Hose House and Contents	300.00
Pumps and Motors	7,545.00
Gasoline	102.46
Engine Room	2,000.00
International Truck	2,070.00
Chevrolet Car	1,000.00
Ford Truck	200.00
Farm Machinery and Milk Room Equipment	15,190.00
Equipment at Piggery	4,300.00
Storm Windows	1,600.00
Jail Contents	500.00
Contents of Laundry	7,200.00
Slaughter House	500.00
28 Cows	7,500.00
10 Holstein Heifers	1,000.00
7 Hereford Heifers	700.00
2 Steers	70.00
10 Calves	100.00
32 Swine	784.00
245 Hens	551.25
Grain for above	68.00
Corn Ensilage, 60 tons	480.00
Green Silage, 50 tons	400.00
Hay, 150 tons	3,750.00
Lumber, 3500 ft.	315.00
Lumber, 6000 ft.	420.00
	103,110.56

VEGETABLES AND PRODUCE

Cabbage	500 lbs.
Cucumbers	20 bushels
String Beans	25 bushels
Lettuce	125 heads
Onions	5 bushels
Peas	25 bushels
Potatoes	700 bushels
Radishes	2 bushels
Squash	5 tons
Sweet Corn	800 dozen
Tomatoes	25 bushels
Beef, raised and used on Farm	8604 lbs.
Pork, raised and used on Farm	6307 lbs.
Veal, raised and used on Farm	352 lbs.
Butter, raised and used on Farm	745-½ lbs.
Eggs, raised and used on Farm	1792-½ dozen
Milk, raised and used on Farm	122577-½ lbs.

INMATES AT STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME DURING YEAR 1956

Name, Where From	Date of Birth	Days Here
Agren, Helen, Rochester	7-19-1888	137
Andrews, George, Derry	8- 4-1925	1
Authier, Eugene, Rochester	12-11-1883	366
Bisson, Ephriam, Dover	7-16-1871	366
Boudreault, Maurice, Dover	11-14-1883	366
Bourassa, Marie, Dover	?	366
Brown, Arnold, J., Dover	12-16-1906	26
Butler, Fannie, Dover	3- 6-1884	97
Cahoon, Maude, Rochester	7-19-1871	366
Caron, Ross, Dover	4- 4-1872	366
Chalmers, Jennie, Rochester	9-14-1889	214
Coe, Martin, Worcester, Mass.	10-26-1898	16
Connors, John, Dover	4- 7-1872	366
Cote, Arthur, Somersworth	?-1871	366
Daley, Frank, Portsmouth	12-271877	46
Davis, Harold P., Dover,	1-15-1890	366
Dion, Arthur, Lee	4-16-1879	366
Drouin, Adele, Somersworth	8- 1-1869	366
Frechette, Octave, Dover	3-17-1873	366
Gagnon, Levi, Greenfield	7- 3-1879	4
Gatchell, Gustina, Dover	5-28-1868	366
Grant, Edna Dover	12-21-1931	14
Grant, Louis, Dover	12-21-1851	14
Grant, Dale, Dover	8-26-1856	14
Guimond, Fred, Dover	7- 3-1875	366
Langerin, Frederick, Somersworth	5- 8-1906	78
LaVoilette, Francois, Somersworth	10-15-1877	366
LaVertue, Walter, Rochester	2-10-1921	31
Lemelin, Lewis O., Rochester	5- 3-1901	249
Lilly, John, Somersworth	12-25-1893	366
Mansfield, Robert, Barrington	11- 5-1925	29
Mitchell, Mark, Dover	9- ? -1907	366
Morgan, Charles, Dover	9-28-1871	366
McCraren, John, Dover	1-16-1896	366
McGonigle, John, Dover	8- 1-1887	182
Nadeau, Edward, Somersworth	10-11-1899	366
Plante, Albert, Somersworth	7-18-1882	366
Provencal, John, Dover	6-28-1892	366
Provencal, Joseph, Dover	12-13-1884	109

Roy, Frank, Dover	4- 4-1876	366
Shortridge, J. Lewis, Dover	8-30-1870	348
Storer, Harriet, Farmington	12- 4-1878	366
Theroux, Matilda, Farmington	6-12-1880	366
Thibeault, Henry, Salmon Falls	12-28-1884	312
Vachon, Richard, Rochester	8- 9-1856	4
Vachon, Bettey Ann, Rochester	2-1937	4
Williams, Mary, Dover	4-29-1904	75

BOARDERS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS DURING 1956

Name, Where From	Date of Birth	Days Here
Beriault, Adelard, J., Rochester	6- 5-1898	131
Bergeron, Leo, Somersworth	5-31-1886	108
Boisvert, William, Rochester	3-13-1889	46
Brown, Bessie M., Strafford	9-16-1872	32
Caron, William, Dover	?	54
Coleman, Vaughn, Dover	7-14-1894	366
Collins, James Z., Milton	7-10-1864	26
Croteau, David, Somersworth	12-10-1885	366
Dodier, Alcide, Somersworth	11- 6-1903	87
Downing, Thomas, Rochester	9- 2-1886	25
DuBois, Alphonse, Dover	9-28-1888	366
Dunnells, George, Rochester	6-25-1884	107
Ellis, Mildred, Dover	10-12-1891	300
Foley, Patrick J., Durham	5-10-1879	43
Garrow, Joseph, Farmington	7-15-1874	366
Holland, Mary, Gonic	2-10-1888	61
Howard, John, Rochester	1- 6-1902	168
Hussey, John W., Rochester	11- 7-1872	31
Kinney, Miriam, Dover	12-10-1905	366
Langevin, Frederick, Somersworth	5- 8-1906	213
Martell, Mary, Dover	8-11-1890	366
May, Luella, Rochester	11-11-1865	123
Perriault, Joseph, Rochester	6- 7-1888	19
Phinney, John, Rochester	7-31-1884	127
Provencal, Joseph, Dover	12-13-1884	257
Seavey, Hale, Dover	2- 7-1876	121
Shute, Ralph E., Dover	?	366
Smith, William E., Dover	9-27-1900	366
Tilton, Wm., Barrington	5- ? -1878	103
Timmons, Patrick, Dover	1-10-1877	366

Viel, Mary, Dover	10-20-1871	50
Ward, James S., Rochester	8- 7-1907	18
White, Daniel, Dover	12- 5-1893	25
Wilcox, Ruth, Rochester	7-24-1913	47

70 Private Boarders — 14993 days.

STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME 1956

Receipts

Board	$ 34,209.28	
Board, State of N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare	23,345.42	
Clothing and supplies	187.90	
Livestock	696.41	
Medical supplies	528.98	
Hay	882.30	
Road toll refund	306.64	
Telephone calls	53.19	
Fats and hides	44.79	
Agricultural program	60.00	
Patronage refund	69.82	
Junk, empty bags, etc.	482.20	
	$ 60,866.93	

Expenditures

Jail		
Labor	$ 3,935.00	
Repairs	83.25	
Board of prisoners, Hillsborough Cnty. Jail	2,977.68	
Medical	116.00	
Supplies	177.18	
Clothing	30.28	
Films, etc.	49.66	
		$ 7,369.05
Farming		
Seed and fertilizer	1,030.06	
Labor	2,680.00	
Supplies	203.39	
Equipment	540.00	
Soil conservation		

program		691.70	
Repairs, etc.		16.04	
			$ 5,161.19
Dairy			
Feed		5,201.79	
Labor		1,800.00	
Supplies, etc.		302.55	
N. H. Breeding Assn.		134.00	
Veterinarians		95.50	
Livestock		1,500.00	
Poultry		562.50	
Silo		495.79	
Repairs		22.50	
			$ 10,114.63
Operation and Maintenance of Plant			
Labor		29,413.06	
Provisions		17,118.24	
Clothing		375.94	
Supplies		7,157.79	
Health			
Physician	$1,200.00		
Nurses	8,890.64		
Supplies	2,065.23		
		12,155.87	
Additions and repairs		2,893.47	
All other expenses			
Chaplains		232.47	
Gas for range		461.99	
Light and power		2,739.85	
Oil for piggery		885.49	
Oil for County Home		5,656.90	
Auto and truck expense		491.29	
Gasoline		1,225.82	
Telephone		600.13	
Transportation		67.62	

Taxes	1,792.73	
Refund on board	2.00	
Funeral expense	200.00	
Advertising	27.12	
Repair Hydraulic pump	39.75	
Stove for pump house	35.95	
Labor on dump	18.00	
		$ 83,591.48
		$ 106,236.35

PRISONERS COMMITTED TO STRAFFORD COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

During 1956

Age	Name, Court committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
28	Abel, Albert, Dover, Larceny	1	4
22	Ackerson, Robert, Dover, Larceny	3	5
20	Ainsworth, John L., Dover, Disobeying probation	23	1
23	Archambault, Jr., Arthur, Rochester, Driving under influence of liquor	7	5
53	Baker, George, Dover, Did commit an unnatural act	13	4
78	Bassett, George, Dover, Drunk	23	1
79	Bassett, George, Dover, Drunk	5	3
33	Berry, Maurice, Rochester, Driving under influence of liquor	1	5
33	Berry, Maurice, Rochester, Non-Support	1	5
24	Bissell, Clarence, Somersworth, Speeding		4
41	Boucher, Robert, Somersworth, Drunk	3	6
42	Blucher, Robert, Somersworth, Drunk		1
25	Bragdon, Stillman, Rochester, Contempt of Court	7	5
22	Brassaw, Wallace, Rochester, Driving under influence of liquor	3	6
23	Brierly, Laurence, Rochester, Assault on minor child		6
29	Burrows, James W., Dover, Causing property damage		1
56	Butler, Clifford, Dover, Assault		3
18	Campbell, Jr., Arthur, Dover, Larceny	3	3
80	Caron, William, Dover, Drunk	23	1
29	Cook, Chester, Dover, Operating motor vehicle after his license had been revoked	5	
30	Cote, Leonard, Dover, Disobeying his probation	1	3
47	Donovan, Francis, Somersworth, Drunk	2	6
42	Downs, Bernard, Dover, Contempt of Court	4	4
32	Doyon, Joseph R., Somersworth, Non-Support		1
35	Dube, Lionel A., Dover, Larceny	5	2
21	Dupuis, Morman, Dover, Adultery	3	5
21	Eaton, S. LeRoy, Dover, (1) Driving under inf. of liquor; (2) Driv. after license had		

	been revoked; (3) Driv. without proof of financial responsibility	18	6
20	Elkins, Bernard, Dover, Drunk	3	5
34	Elliott, Charles, Rochester, Driving under inf. of liquor	3	5
26	Evans, Leon A., Dover, Intent to defraud by check		4
27	Farrnad, Norman, Dover, Drunk	21	4
49	Fayette, Alfred, Dover, Drunk	11	4
31	Fenton, Charles, Dover, Drunk	7	5
19	Fluerie, Robert, Rochester, Gross lewdness	7	5
27	Foley, John, Rochester, (1) Operating without proper license; (2) operating motor vehicle in grossly careless manner		2
18	Freeman, Everett, Dover, Larceny	5	
19	Furber, Donald, Farmington, Larceny	1	4
29	Genthner, Millard, Dover, Driving under influence of liquor	32	4
37	Gilbert, Robert E., Dover, Evading his fare on a B.&M. train	3	6
22	Grant, Albert J., Dover, Operating M. V. without proper license		1
20	Grant, Herbert, Dover, Permitting person to operate his motor vehicle without a license		1
32	Grant, Chesley, Dover, Contempt of Court	12	4
25	Grant, Colin, Rochester, Neglect of minor children	3	4
28	Gravel, Eugene, Rochester, Contempt of Court	7	5
30	Grenier, Robert, Rochester, Drunk		1
30	Grenier, Robert, Rochester, Drunk	2	1
21	Groton, Thomas H., Somersworth, Larceny		2
48	Ham, Victor, Farmington, Vagabond	3	6
49	Hanson, Richard, Dover, Contempt of Court		2
33	Hardy, Russell, Dover, Accessory—Breaking, entering, and larceny	2	2
30	Hendrick, John, Rochester, Operating after his license was suspended	11	4
61	Hennessey, William, Dover, Drunk	11	4
23	Higgins, James, Somersworth, Larceny		3
39	Horne, Ralph T., Dover, Contempt of Court	1	5
48	Horr, Edward A., Dover, Fraud	7	4
53	Howard, John, Rochester, Vagrant	3	6

54	Howard, John, Rochester, Vagrant	7	5
54	Howard, John, Rochester, Drunk	3	6
24	Huntress, John R., Somersworth, Operating motor vehicle after his license had been revoked,		1
67	Hussey, James E., Dover, Vagabond	7	5
17	Hussey, Jr., Ralph, Rochester, Attempted rape		6
?	Jacobs, Ronald W., Rochester, Operating M. V. after his license had been revoked		1
19	Johnson, Aaron B., Rochester, Drunk	3	6
33	King, Harold L., Dover, Contempt of Court	1	1
65	King, John J., Rochester, Drunk	2	1
36	Kirk, Millen E., Rochester, Driving under influence of liquor		5
26	Kinsman, Richard, Dover, Operating under influence of liquor		5
68	Labrie, Arthur, Dover, Larceny	3	6
21	LaFebre, Charles M., Dover, Drunk	3	6
18	LeFebre, Roland J., Dover, Disobeying his probation		3
21	Lavoie, Victor W., Dover, Accessory — Breaking, entering, larceny	3	3
20	Lizotte, Maurice, Dover, Larceny	1	3
23	Maddock, Alfred S., Salmon Falls, Contempt of Court		3
18	Malencore, Charles, Dover, Assault	11	4
29	Mayo, Joseph R., Rochester, Neglect of minor child		1
31	Mayo, Jr., John H., Dover, Driving under influence of liquor	4	5
?	Martin, Philip F., Rochester, Contempt of Court		1
67	McGonigle, John, Dover, Drunk	23	1
68	McGonigle, John, Dover, Drunk	1	5
20	McIntire, Robert, Somersworth, Larceny		3
80	McManus, Martie, Rochester, Drunk	2	1
28	Morgan, Jr., Harry, Rochester, Driving under influence of liquor	3	6
73	Moran, Michael, Dover, Larceny	7	5
30	Morin, Henry E., Dover, Disobeying his probation		1
19	Morneault, J. David, Durham, Lascivious behavior	11	4

22	Moulton, George, Somersworth, Larceny		2
26	O'Leary, Robert, Dover, Driving under influence of liquor—causing death to a passenger		6
53	Paradis, Alfred, Somersworth, Disorderly person	9	
36	Parker, Carroll A., Rochester, Rape	5	
56	Pike, Roland, Dover, Drunk	1	2
50	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, Drunk	3	6
51	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, Vagrant	7	5
51	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, Vagrant	7	5
51	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, Drunk	3	6
51	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, Vagrant	7	5
18	Rees, Ronald, Somersworth, (1) Driv. without license. (2) Resisting arrest	1	
25	Scanlon, John, Somersworth, (1) Operating without a license. (2) Leaving the scene of an accident		3
19	Seaton, Jerry, Dover, Driv. under influence of liquor		1
(?)	Smith, Clyde, Rochester, Did have in his possession obscene pictures with intent to show them		1
43	Smith, Harry D., Dover, Drunk	3	6
43	Smith, Harry D., Dover, Drunk	11	4
63	Smith, John J., Dover, Drunk	12	6
59	St. Cyr, Armand, Dover, Vagabond	23	1
60	St. Cyr., Armand, Dover, Vagabond	2	4
20	Tappan, Jr., Fred H., Rochester, Operating a motor vehicle making an unnecessary noise		5
71	Tibeault, Henry, Rollinsford, Drunk	7	5
42	Towle, Woodrow, Rochester, Drunk	2	
18	Troutman, Kenneth, Dover, (1) Driving a car not registered. (2) Operating a car without a proper license	3	6
18	Troutman, Kenneth, Dover, Larceny	1	2
37	Valencia, Sylvester, Dover, (1) Driving under influence of liquor. (2) Speeding. (3) Resisting arrest	13	3
20	Vayeos, Peter C., Dover, Assault	11	4
26	Veno, Gerard J., Rollinsford, Driving under influence of liquor	9	
27	Weeman, Harris, Rochester, Driving under		

	influence of liquor. (2) Operating motor vehicle without having it inspected. (3) Driving after license was revoked	3	6
23	Westgate, Arthur E., Rochester, Contributing to the delinquincy of a minor	7	5
62	White, Daniel T., Dover, Drunk	3	6
21	Woodcock, Richard, A., Rochester, Driving under influence of liquor	6	3

REPORT OF CLERK OF STRAFFORD COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

FOR SEPTEMBER TERM, 1955

CHARGES AGAINST COUNTY

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Strafford County:

Capiases, mittimuses, certificates of probation (25)		$ 25.00
Returns to Department of Vital Statistics (51)		7.65
Extended permanent records 984 pages @ $.50		492.00
Extended permanent records 248 @ $.15		37.20
Fines paid Motor Vehicle Department		150.00
State v. Woodman	$ 25.00	
State v. Leclerc	$ 25.00	
State v. Standish	$ 100.00	
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		$ 3,929.39
		$ 4,641.24

CREDITS TO COUNTY

Civil entries 108 @ $2.50		$ 270.00
Equity entries 100 @ $2.50		250.00
State appeal entries 10 @ $2.50		25.00
Sessions entries 6 @ 2.50		15.00
Dockets sold 37 @ $2.00		74.00
Fees chargeable to County		32.65
Fines and costs paid		160.60
State v. Woodman	$ 25.00	
State v. Leclerc	$ 25.00	
State v. Standish	$ 100.00	
Costs—Howard	$ 4.00	
Bonneau	2.20	
Brown	2.20	

King	2.20	
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire drawn		$ 3,813.99
		$ 4,641.24

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.

February 29, 1956

STEPHEN M. WHEELER,
Presiding Justice

REPORT OF CLERK OF STRAFFORD COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

FOR FEBRUARY TERM, 1956

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Strafford County:

CHARGES AGAINST COUNTY

Capiases, mittimuses, certificates of probation (32)	$ 32.00
Returns to Department of Vital Statistics (70)	10.50
Extended permanent records 1608 pages @ $.50	804.00
Extended permanent records 526 @ $.15	78.90
Fines paid Motor Vehicle Department	
State v. Shannon	150.00
State v. O'Gara	25.00
State v. Berry	150.00
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	5,729.30
	$ 6,979.70

CREDITS TO COUNTY

Civil entries 184 @ $2.50	$	460.00
Equity entries 113 @ 2.50		282.50
State Appeal entries 10 @ $2.50		25.00
Sessions entries 10 @ $2.50		25.00
Dockets sold (14)		28.00
Fees chargeable to County		42.50
Fines paid:		
State v. Shannon		150.00
State v. O'Gara		25.00
State v. Berry		150.00
State v. Lupien		10.00
Costs paid:		
Robertson		2.60
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire drawn		5,779.10
	$	6,979.70

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.

September 7, 1956

DENNIS E. SULLIVAN,
Presiding Justice

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. KEEFE,
Clerk

REPORT OF COUNTY SOLICITOR

To the Commissioners of the County of Strafford and the State of New Hampshire:

Pursuant to the New Hampshire Revised Statutes, Annotated, 1955, Chapter 7, Section 38, and Chapter 30, Section 4, I make you herewith my annual report for the year January 1, 1956 through December 31, 1956.

I. SUPERIOR COURT, FEBRUARY TERM, 1956.

A. FELONY CASES (Major Crimes).

State v. Robert O'Leary. Reckless driving death resulting. Indicted by Grand Jury, February 14, 1956. Defendant pleaded guilty April 11, 1956. Sentence: one year in the House of Correction suspended, and fine of three hundred dollars.

State v. James W. Brassaw. Burglary. Indicted by Grand Jury February 14, 1956. Plea of guilty, February 16, 1956. Defendant sentenced to the State Prison for not more than three years, not less than one year and one day. Sentence to commence at the expiration of his unexpired two-year term in the State Prison (Defendant had been paroled earlier).

State v. Lawrence Brierly. Burglarly. Indicted by Grand Jury, February 14, 1956. Plea of guilty, February 16, 1956. Case continued for sentence. Probation, two years. Defendant violated probation and was sentenced September 27, 1956, to the State Prison for not more than three years, and not less than one year and one day.

State v. Robert Martel. Burglary. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, August 10, 1956. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to not more than three years, not less than one year and one day in the State Prison.

State v. Eugene W. Allen. Aggravated assault and attempted rape. Indicted by Grand Jury on both charges, February 14, 1956. Defendant sent to the State Hospital for examination. Defendant adjudged a sexual psychopath on March 15, 1956, and committed to the State Hospital for an indefinite period.

State v. Joseph Henderson. Malicious destruction. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, July 17, 1956. Plea of guilty. Probation, three years.

State v. Richard D. Morse. Armed robbery. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, September 7, 1956. Plea of guilty. Sentence: not more than five years, not less than two years in the State Prison.

State v. Russell Hardy. Accessory after the fact. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, September 7, 1956. Plea of guilty. Case continued for sentence. Probation, two years.

State v. Carroll A. Parker. Statutory rape. Two separate complaints. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, August 10, 1956. Plea of guilty to both charges. Sentence: not more than five years, not less than three years in the State Prison.

State v. Norman Dupuis. Adultery and Statutory rape. Indicted by Grand Jury, September term, 1955. Plea of guilty on both counts, July 16, 1956. Case continued for sentence and probation for two years.

State v. William J. Woveris. Lewd and lascivious behavior. Defendant adjudged a sexual psycopath on July 16th, 1956, in Superior Court. Committed to the State Hospital.

State v. Margaret Gordon. Larceny by check on three counts. Indicted by Grand Jury, February

14, 1956. Plea of guilty on all three counts on March 28, 1956. Case continued for sentence. Restitution.

State v. Charles Giacoppo. Larceny by check. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, July 16, 1956. Plea of guilty. Case continued for sentence. Restitution. Defendant turned over to the U. S. Immigration authorities for deportation to Italy.

State v. Perley Bubar. Enticing female minor child. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, July 16, 1956. Plea of guilty. Case continued for sentence. Probation, two years.

State v. Untamo Penttila. Burglary. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, January 23, 1956. Plea of guilty. Case continued for sentence. Probation, one year. Restitution.

State v. John Ainsworth. Burglary. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, January 23, 1956. Plea of guilty. Case continued for sentence. Restitution.

State v. Arthur Cofferen. Burglary. Idicted by Grand Jury, February 14, 1956. Plea of guilty, February 16, 1956. Sentence: not more than five years, not less than two years in the State Prison.

State v. Carl Pike, Jr. Burglary. Indicted by Grand Jury, February 14, 1956. Plea of guilty, February 16, 1956. Case continued for sentence.

State v. Eben Hilton, Jr. Burglary. Indicted by Grand Jury, February 14, 1956. Plea of guilty, February 16, 1956. Case continued for sentence.

State v. Charles Lefebvre. Larceny of motor vehicle. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, April 11, 1956. Plea of guilty. Case continued for sentence. Probation, two years.

State v. Roland Lefebvre. Larceny of motor vehicle on two counts. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, April 11, 1956. Plea of guilty. Case continued for sentence. Probation, two years. Violation of probation, May 4, 1956. Committed to Hillsborough County Jail, six months.

State v. Wilson Benner. Unnatural and lascivious act with minor child. Indicted by Grand Jury, February 14, 1956, on three counts. Trial by jury, April 2, 3, 4, and 5, 1956. Acquitted by jury.

State v. Robert Irving Simpson. Armed robbery. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, April 11, 1956. Plea of guilty. Sentence: not more than five years, not less than three years in the State Prison.

State v. Richard John Pierce. Armed robbery. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, April 11, 1956. Plea of guilty. Sentence: not more than five years, not less than three years in the State Prison.

State v. Donald Furber. Burglary. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, March 29, 1956. Plea of guilty. Case continued for sentence.

State v. John Ainsworth. Larceny of motor vehicle. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, April 11, 1956. Plea of guilty. Sentence: six months in the House of Correction. Probation, two years, to commence at the expiration of the six-month term in the House of Correction.

II. SUPERIOR COURT, SEPTEMBER TERM, 1956.

(Felony cases)

State v. Robert Ackerson. Larceny. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, December 20, 1956. Continued for sentence. Probation, one year.

State v. Lionel A. Dube. Larceny. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, December 20, 1956. Plea of guilty. Sentence: six months in the House of Correction. Probation, one year, after completion of the six-month sentence.

State v. Albert J. Abel. Larceny. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, December 20, 1956. Plea of guilty. Sentence: six months in the House of Correction, three months suspended.

State v. Gerard Gardner. Larceny. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, December 20, 1956. Plea of guilty. Sentence: not more than five years, not less than three years in the State Prison.

State v. Maurice Valley. Burglary. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, December 20, 1956. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Probation, one year. Restitution.

State v. Armand Gagnon. Larceny and Burglary. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, December 20, 1956, on both charges. Plea of guilty. Sentence: six months in the Hillsborough County Jail.

State v. Victor Lavoie. Accessory after the fact. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, December 20, 1956. Continued for sentence. Probation, one year.

State v. Everett Freeman. Burglary, two counts. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, December 20, 1956. Plea of guilty. Restitution. Continued for sentence. Probation, three years.

State v. Clinton W. Campbell, Jr. Burglary. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, December 20, 1956. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Probation, two years.

State v. Blair Edward Chappell. Possession of revolver without permit and larceny. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment on both counts, December 20, 1956. Plea of guilty. Case continued for sentence and defendant turned over to U. S. Immigration authorities for deportation to Canada.

State v. George Baker. Unnatural and lascivious behavior. Indicted by Grand Jury. Plea of guilty, September 27, 1956. Sentence: nine months in the House of Correction.

State v. Everard Horr. Four charges of obtaining money by false pretenses and three charges of fraudulently passing bad checks. Indicted on all seven charges. Plea of guilty on all seven charges, December 20, 1956. Cases continued for sentence. Probation, two years. Restitution.

State v. James A. Roberts. Burglary. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, October 19, 1956. Plea of guilty. Case continued for sentence.

State v. William J. Woods. Burglary. Waiver of Grand Jury indictment, December 31, 1956. Plea of not guilty by reason of insanity. Case continued for hearing to determine whether defendant should be committed.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Misdemeanors

Forty-three misdemeanor cases were disposed of in municipal courts throughout the county either independently where no local city solicitors were available or in collaboration with local city solicitors in cases where an appeal was anticipated.

B. Appeals

Twenty-nine appeal cases were disposed of in the Superior Court, which were appealed from municipal courts.

C. Non Support

Numerous non support cases were handled through the office of the County Solicitor during the year 1956, which included cases which were directly initiated from the office of the County Solicitor or were referred to this office through the New Hampshire Probation Department, the office of the County Commissioners, the New Hampshire Welfare Department, and from local police departments.

D. Uniform-support Act

Numerous cases were tried under the new Uniform-support Act in the Superior Court which were referred to this county by out-of-state agents and other cases were prepared for action under the Uniform-support Act out of state.

E. Juvenile Cases

Juvenile cases were numerous in 1956 and were prosecuted where prosecution was necessary in the Juvenile Courts in collaboration with the Department of Public Welfare, the New Hampshire Probation Department, and other agencies. The County Solicitor highly recommends that the 9:00 p.m. curfew be enforced rigidly against minors and parents. In substance, the 9:00 p.m. curfew laws state that minors under the age of sixteen years should not be in any public place after the hour of 9:00 p.m. unless accompanied by their parents or by some responsible mature person. Most of the juvenile cases in Strafford County have been handled without notoriety and in most cases without court procedure. Nevertheless, the problem has become paramount

and a thorough study of our juvenile laws in this state should be made by the legislature in order to curb the rising juvenile problem.

F. County Jail Escapees

There have been only several county jail escapees in 1956. This is believed to be primarily due to the recommendation of the Strafford County Solicitor to the courts that all felons who could not obtain bail be committed to he Hillsborough County Jail to await trial. The Strafford County Jail has proven inadequate in recent years for the commitment of felony prisoners awaiting trial. This is due to the fact that the structure of the jail is such that escape is possible.

G. Nolle Prosequi

Several minor cases were disposed of with circumspect discretion.

H. County Sheriff

Advice was given to the County Sheriff and deputies, as well as to city and town police, and other law-enforcing agencies.

I. Medical Referee

In cases of sudden death, the Strafford County Solicitor made investigation, whenever he was notified, in collaboration with the medical referee, the state police, the local police, and the sheriff's department.

J. Correspondence

Voluminous correspondence with individuals and authorities within and outside the State of New Hampshire.

K. County Solicitor Payroll

Itemized reports of expenses were made.

L. Grand Jury

Thirty-six indictments were returned by the Grand Jury at the February Term of Court and thirty-two indictments were returned by the Grand Jury at the September term. Some of these indictments were secret and are still pending.

M. Investigations

About seventy investigations took place in 1956, individually or in collaboration with the sheriff's department, local, and state police.

IV. CONCLUSION

A. Serving as the Strafford County Solicitor for a second term has been one of pleasant experience and I wish to take this opportunity to thank the people of Strafford County for the confidence they bestowed upon me by electing me to this office for a second term.

B. At the end of my term in office, I wish to express my great pleasure and appreciation to members of the state police, local police, the Probation Department, and especially to the County Sheriff and his deputies, the County Commissioners and their staff, the County Convention, and other county officials with whom my duties brought me in contact. I am grateful for the courtesy, friendship, and cooperation extended to me by all of these departments. The help I received from all members of these departments have made the office of the County Solicitor more effective as to its service to the public.

C. I wish to take this opportunity to wish the newly elected County Solicitor success in his new undertaking. He will find, as I did, his excursion

into public office an invaluable experience which he will always treasure.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED CATALFO, JR.
Strafford County Solicitor

REPORT OF SHERIFF

FEBRUARY TERM, 1956

To Wilfred J. Pare, Sheriff, Dr.

Paid Court Chaplain, Rev. Roukas S. Najjar		$ 10.00
WILFRED J. PARE, Sheriff		
99 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	$ 990.00	
1 night's attendance at Court at $10.00	10.00	
720 miles' travel at 10¢	72.00	
36 meals	36.90	
Transportation of prisoners for Court	85.70	
Mittimus and returns (criminal cases)	18.00	
		$ 1,212.60
HERVEY C. TANNER, Deputy Sheriff		
65 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	650.00	
2,430 miles' travel at 10¢	243.00	
56 meals	70.10	
Transportation of prisoners for Court	2.50	
		$ 965.60
EDWARD B. RICHARD, Deputy Sheriff		
9 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	90.00	
3 nights' attendance at Court at $10.00	30.00	
200 miles travel at 10¢	20.00	
7 meals	6.95	
		$ 146.95

NOEL CHASSE, Deputy Sheriff		
17 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	170.00	
1 night's attendance at Court at $10.00	10.00	
170 miles travel at 10¢	17.00	
12 meals	15.00	
		$ 212.00
WILLIAM N. SHAHEEN, Special Deputy Sheriff		
21 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	210.00	
1 night's attendance at Court at $10.00	10.00	
42 miles travel at 10¢	4.20	
		$ 224.20
		$ 2,771.35

Approved for $2,771.35

DENNIS E. SULLIVAN,
Presiding Justice

WILRED J. PARE,
Sheriff

Received payment,
WILFRED J. PARE

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1956

To Wilfred J. Pare, Sheriff, Dr.		
Paid Court Chaplain, Rev. Ralph Huffer		$ 10.00
WILFRED J. PARE, Sheriff		
53 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	$ 530.00	

1 night's attendance at Court at $10.00	10.00	
370 miles travel at 10¢	37.00	
21 meals	19.45	
Transportation of prisoners for Court	185.85	
Mittimus and returns (criminal cases)	6.00	
Summons for Grand Jury (criminal cases)	26.00	
		$ 814.30

HERVEL C. TANNER, Deputy Sheriff

35 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	350.00	
1,285 miles travel at 10¢	128.50	
32 meals	39.60	
Transportation of prisoners for Court	6.50	
		$ 524.60

EDWARD B. RICHARD, Deputy Sheriff

1 day's attendance at Court at $10.00	10.00	
20 miles travel at 10¢	2.00	
1 meal	1.00	
Transportation of prisoners for Court	7.00	
		$ 20.00

NOEL CHASSE, Deputy Sheriff

2 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	20.00	
20 miles travel at 10¢	2.00	
2 meals	2.50	
		$ 24.50

WILLIAM N. SHAHEEN, Special Deputy Sheriff		
24 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	240.00	
48 miles travel at 10¢	4.80	
		$ 244.80
		$ 1,638.20

Approved for $1,638.20

HAROLD E. WESCOTT,
Presiding Justice

WILRED J. PARE,
Sheriff

Received payment,
WILFRED J. PARE

REPORT OF THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

Report from the Catholic Chaplain on spiritual activities at the Strafford County Home for the year 1956.

At least, twice a month, I was at the Strafford County Home to bring to the aged people the spiritual help they were expecting.

In this morose time of the life, often trial and sickness shake them deeply, and the great virtues of Faith and Hope need to be revived. It's our great consolation to do something for them and to make them live closer and closer to Our Saviour.

My thanks to the Superintendent and all his Staff, who did so much to help the aged people and have been so kind to me, making my work easy.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. GERARD BEAUDET,
Chaplain

REPORT OF THE PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN

Strafford County Commissioners
County Court House
Dover, N. H.

Dear Sirs:

Elderly people are never forgotten in the sight of God. This is the conviction of your chaplain and of the members of the staff at the Strafford County Home. It has been my desire to minister to these folks in the most effective way possible.

Worship services heve been conducted every Sunday afternoon throughout the year. These services have been well-attended by the folks at the home.

In addition to conducting the Sunday worship services it has been the privilege of the chaplain to visit members of the home in their rooms and counsel with them.

Various groups have also been generous with their time and talent to make the inmates realize that they are not forgotten. These special services have added much to the happiness of the folk at the home.

I trust that the year 1957 will find us effectively ministering to the spiritual needs of all those committed to our care. May we ever labor with eternity's values in view.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. WALTER E. MINTO,
Chaplain

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN

To the Commissioners of Strafford County:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Strafford County Home Physician for the year of 1956.

Visits to County Home and Jail	52
Emergency visits to County Home	20
Emergency visits to County Jail	0
Number of commitments	0
Number of deaths	5
Average age of death	72

During my weekly visits to the County Home I have had ample opportunity to observe its condition and management and am happy to report that it is well run and that the patients and inmates receive good care and supervision.

I would like at this time to thank the Commissioners, Superintendent, Matron and nurses for their kindness and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. HARTIGAN, M. D.

REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL AGENT

Some of the Activities:

Foster and encourage dairy organizations (2 in Strafford County—Holstein and Guernsey).

Control of Insects and Diseases on farms and urban areas.

Information on cultural methods for field and garden crops.

Aid in Young Farmers and 4-H organizations.

Predator and Rodent Control Program.

Secretary Soil Conservation District.

Member County Committee Agricultural Conservation Program.

Furnish construction information and plans for farm buildings and machinery.

Disseminate information on fruits and vegetables.

Aid organizations with agricultural information.

Work with retail groceries on marketing information.

Interpret soil analysis for people of the County.

Assist farmers in the organization and planning of their farm business.

Aid in Social Security, Income Tax Returns, Civil Defense, etc.

This information is disseminated by means of circular letter, news articles, office and telephone calls, radio, meetings, and farm visits.

For the past twelve months the Agricutural Agent

has made	519 farm visits
received	347 personal calls at his office
received	789 telephone calls
held	131 meetings

Attendance at these meetings have totaled 3616 people.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. ADAMS,
County Agricultural
Agent

COUNTY FORESTRY PROGRAM IN STRAFFORD COUNTY

The principal goals of the County Forestry Program are to assist the private woodland owners in the area in carrying out good forestry practices so that, in the future, each acre of woodland may yield a continuous crop of high-quality timber which is best suited to the land and to the local markets; and to correlate the annual timber drain by the local wood-using industries with the annual growth of timber on our forest lands. In Strafford County we have been trying to reach the above goals through a forest education program. This program includes personal contacts with woodland owners, timber operators and consulting foresters; (In the case of woodland owners, they are shown where and how they may carry on selective cuttings, weeding, thinning, and tree planting operations. So far, this assistance has been strictly on a request-by-the-landowner basis); group meetings at which all the agencies, both public and private, working in the field of forestry put on demonstrations of good forestry practices. **Example:** The First Statewide Forestry Field Day at Gilford, N. H.; Radio programs on forestry; talks on forestry to interested groups; newspaper and magazine articles on the subject.

Following is a summary of some of the measurable accomplishments in the Strafford-Belknap Project area for the fiscal year July 1, 1955 through June 30, 1956:

Requests from woodland owners for County Forester's Services, 193

Timber operators assisted, 47

Demonstrational Marking of Timber, 607,000 Bd. Ft.

No. of woodlands with improved forestry practices, 66

Amount of weedings and thinnings in Forest Stands, 128 Acres

Amount of timber harvested under good cutting practices, 3,500,00 Bd. Ft.

Amount of timber harvested, marketing assistance only, 930,000 Bd. Ft.

Approximate stumpage return to woodland owners, $66,314.00

Gross return to woodland owners included maple syrup, putting logs roadside, etc., $95,194.00.

Additional forest statistics for Strafford County are available at the Extension Office, No. Main Street, Rochester.

Respectfully submitted,

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